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FOR: A METHOD FOR CHEMOPREVENTION OF PROSTATE CANCER

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated February 21, 2002 issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Application. A response to the February 21, 2002 Office Action is due May 21, 2002. Applicants are concurrently filing herewith a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time, with the required fee. Therefore, a response is due August 21, 2002. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject Application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-25 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new Claims 26-59 as follows:

A 1 ~~1-25~~ (New) A method of suppressing or inhibiting latent prostate cancer of a subject comprising: administering to the subject, a pharmaceutical preparation comprising a selective estrogen receptor modulator (SERM); and a pharmaceutically acceptable salts, esters, or N-oxides, or mixtures thereof, thereby suppressing or inhibiting latent prostate cancer of the subject.

2 ~~26~~ (New) A method of treating a subject with prostate cancer comprising: administering to the subject, a pharmaceutical preparation comprising a selective estrogen receptor modulator (SERM); and a pharmaceutically acceptable salts, esters, or N-oxides, or mixtures thereof, thereby treating the subject with prostate cancer.

3 ~~28~~ (New) The method of Claims ~~26~~ or ~~27~~, wherein the subject has a precancerous precursors of prostate adenocarcinoma.

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